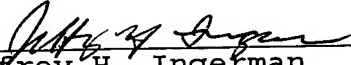


REMARKS

Applicant has amended claims 4, 21, 27, 49, 66 and 72 in order to more particularly define the claimed invention. An early and favorable action is respectfully requested.*


Respectfully submitted,



Jeffrey H. Ingelman
Reg. No. 31,069
Attorney for Applicant
FISH & NEAVE LLP
Customer No. 36981
1251 Avenue of the Americas
New York, New York 10020-1105
Tel.: (212) 596-9000

I hereby certify that this
correspondence is being deposited
with the United States Postal Service
as first class mail in an envelope
addressed to:
Hon. Commissioner for Patents,
P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

on October 6, 2004
Claire J. Saintil-van Goodman

Name of Person Signing Certificate


Signature of Person Signing Certificate
October 6, 2004

Date of Signature

* Applicant respectfully submits that none of these amendments is a "substantial amendment related to patentability" under the doctrine of Festo Corp. v. Shoketsu Kinzoku Kogyo Kabushiki Co., 535 U.S. 722, 62 USPQ2d 1705 (2002), and related cases. Moreover, insofar as each of these amendments merely clarifies the claims, none is believed to be a narrowing amendment under that doctrine, and at least the amendments of claims 27 and 72 are actually broadening amendments.